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- On 10 January 1953 a party of Hungarian nutrition experts went to Prague to attend a conference for nutrition and agricultural experts from all the Satellites and from the Soviet Union. The conference, which was presided over by the Soviet Delegate Volshanski (fnu), was called for the purpose of coordinating supplies of foodstuffs between countries of the East Block in order to relieve local shortages. The worst situations in this respect were stated to exist in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Rumania. In the former country the harvest is stated to have been only sufficient to last about 7-8 months.
- The agenda of the conference proposed that Hungary and Poland should be especially called upon to make larger contributions of foodstuffs within the East Block.
- In the above connection it is planned that Hungary become the pig reservoir of the Satellites. In January 1953, the country had 4.8 million pigs, which was less than expected; but by the end of 1952 the five million mark should have been exceeded. The business of fattening pigs has been forced on to a very great extent since the summer of 1952 by a system of bonuses and priorities. The number of state pig feeding installations has already increased to 64.

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